

# Sex-specific body size measurements from two copepod populations in the Coastal Northwest Atlantic Surface Waters from 2017-07-16 to 2017-08-25

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**Data Type:** experimental

**Version:** 1

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## Project

» [Collaborative Research: Response of marine copepods to warming temperature and ocean acidification](#)

(Copepod Response to Warming Temp and OA)

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## Abstract

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## Coverage

**Location:** Coastal Northwest Atlantic

**Spatial Extent:** N:41.320591 E:-72.001564 S:26.940398 W:-82.051036

**Temporal Extent:** 2017-07-16 - 2017-08-25

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## Dataset Description

Detailed methods are presented in Sasaki et al. 2019 (DOI: 10.1098/rsos.182115). Copepods were collected from two locations across the Northwest Atlantic (recorded in the Pop column). Populations were maintained at the UConn Avery Point campus for over three generations at 18oC, with a 12:12 light:dark cycle and a diet of Tetrasemis sp., Thalassiosira weissflogii, and Rhodomonas salina.

## Methods & Sampling

At the beginning of the experiment, eggs were collected and split into two groups, which developed at either 18oC or 22oC (recorded in the Dev column). Once mature, body size measurements were made for healthy males and females (recorded in the Sex column) from the laboratory cultures. Individuals were isolated in a drop of filtered seawater and photographed using a camera attached to an inverted microscope after the water had been removed.

## Data Processing Description

Body lengths were measured from images as the length of the prosome using ImageJ (<https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/>). All subsequent analyses were performed in R version 3.0.

## BCO-DMO Processing Description

BCO-DMO Processing Notes (2020):

- added conventional header with dataset name, PI name, version date
- modified parameter names to conform with BCO-DMO naming conventions
- added Latitude, Longitude, and Collection\_Date columns

BCO-DMO Note by BCO-DMO data manager Amber York (2025-03-18): Final review was received by the original data submitter and the data were published and archived as drafted in 2020.

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## Data Files

File
<b>818482_v1_body_size.csv</b> (Comma Separated Values (.csv), 5.64 KB) MD5:629872f5649d18ec8670bc875cd6af74 Primary data file for dataset ID 818482, version 1

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## Related Publications

R Core Team (n.d.). R: A language and environment for statistical computing. R v3.0 R Foundation for Statistical Computing, Vienna, Austria. URL <https://www.R-project.org/>  
*Software*

Rasband, W. S. (n.d.). ImageJ. U.S. National Institutes of Health. <https://imagej.net/ij/>  
*Software*

Sasaki, M., Hedberg, S., Richardson, K., & Dam, H. G. (2019). Complex interactions between local adaptation, phenotypic plasticity and sex affect vulnerability to warming in a widespread marine copepod. Royal Society Open Science, 6(3), 182115. doi:[10.1098/rsos.182115](https://doi.org/10.1098/rsos.182115)  
*Results*

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## Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
Individual	number during experiment	unitless
Pop	Population of origin	unitless
Dev	Developmental temperature	degrees Celsius
Sex	Individual sex	unitless
BL	Body length	millimeters
Collection_Date	Date of sample collection following ISO-8601 convention	unitless
Latitude	Latitude of sample collection location with positive values indicating North	decimal degrees
Longitude	Longitude of sample collection location with negative values indicating West	decimal degrees

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## Instruments

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	PixeLink Megapixel Firewire Camera
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	Camera
<b>Dataset-specific Description</b>	Photographs were taken using a PixeLink Megapixel Firewire Camera (model number PL-A662) attached to an Olympus IX70 inverted microscope.
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	All types of photographic equipment including stills, video, film and digital systems.

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	plankton net
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	Plankton Net
<b>Dataset-specific Description</b>	Copepods were collected with a 250 micrometer mesh plankton net with a solid cod end.
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	A Plankton Net is a generic term for a sampling net that is used to collect plankton. It is used only when detailed instrument documentation is not available.

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## Project Information

**Collaborative Research: Response of marine copepods to warming temperature and ocean**

## acidification (Copepod Response to Warming Temp and OA)

**Coverage:** North western Atlantic ocean; Gulf of Maine, coastal and estuarine habitats

### **NSF Award Abstract:**

Over time, our oceans are becoming both warmer and higher dissolved carbon dioxide. The latter condition is called ocean acidification. The consequences of these simultaneous changes for populations of marine organisms are not well understood. For this project, the investigators will conduct a series of laboratory experiments to determine how two closely-related, common species of *Acartia* copepods will respond to the interactive effects of warming and acidification and also how well these species can adapt over multiple generations to changing ocean conditions. Since these copepods are key species in coastal food webs, results will have important implications for understanding and predicting how marine ecosystems may respond to future climate change. The investigators will share results from the research through traditional print media, case studies, and video mini lectures. The goal will be for educators of all levels to easily access material on climate change and ocean acidification to include in teaching curricula, in alignment with recommendations for universal design for learning. The project is a collaborative effort between an established professor at the University of Connecticut and an early-career female scientist at the University of Vermont. It will provide training and opportunities for collaborative, interdisciplinary research for two postdoctoral investigators, two graduate students and an undergraduate student.

The project's main goals are: 1) to test the simultaneous effects of temperature and carbon dioxide under current and future conditions on life history traits throughout the life cycle for two key copepod species, warm-adapted *Acartia tonsa* and cold-adapted *Acartia hudsonica*; 2) to test for adaptive capacity of both copepod species to a warmer and carbon-dioxide-enriched ocean; 3) to measure the genetic and maternally-induced changes across multiple generations of experimental selection in future conditions in both copepod species, and to identify the genes and pathways responding to selection. The investigators will use experiments encompassing current and projected temperature and carbon-dioxide conditions, will determine the roles of each variable and their interaction on traits that affect the fitness of both copepod species. They will also determine which life stages are most sensitive to individual or simultaneous stress conditions. Through multigenerational selection experiments, the investigators will identify and characterize the mechanisms of copepod evolutionary adaptation. Finally, they will measure genomic changes across the generations under all four experimental conditions to quantify the relative contributions of genetic and maternally-induced change in the physiological and life history traits of copepods in response to near-future climate conditions.

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## Funding

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<a href="#">NSF Division of Ocean Sciences (NSF OCE)</a>	<a href="#">OCE-1559180</a>

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